

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

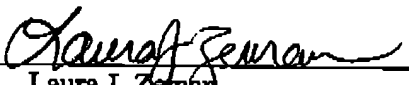
In the August 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3-5, 7, 26-28 and 30, allowed claims 14, 15, 17-19, 42-45, and objected to claims 18, 46, and 48. This response cancels claims 3-5, 7, 26-28 and 30 and amends claims 18, 46 and 48 for consideration. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 14-15, 17-19, and 42-55 (6 independent claims; 19 total claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In order to expedite the allowance of the patent application, Applicant has canceled claims 3-5, 7, 26-28 and 30 which have been rejected by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has amended claims 18, 46 and 48 which were objected to by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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